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TO : Director of Training

DATE: 16 April 1953

FROM : Chief, Language Training Division, O/TR

SUBJECT: Progress Report for Week of 13 April through 17 April 1953

1. A combined total of 193 students is presently enrolled in introductory and self-study courses in the Language Training Division.
2. The language laboratory was used for a total of 476 hours during the past week, including 25 hours put in at the installation in "M" Building.
3. Eight requests for non-CIA language training have been given final approval and eight have been recommended for approval.
4. Before a group of representatives of several divisions concerned, assembled in Mr. James Reber's office, a report was made on the present status of electro-mechanical translation. The present proposal, which is before the A.C. of S. G-2 for action, is to support a 15-month linguistic-engineering research program without the development of equipment as this would appear premature. Provision is also made for practical tests on existing equipment. Indications are that the project as now formulated is likely to be approved and that the Agency may become co-sponsor with the Department of Defense.
5. Chief, Language Training Division, called on the former Director of Central Intelligence Agency, concerning the future prospects of the language and area program at Foreign Service Institute, Department of State. Inquiries are being made and an answer is expected at an early date.

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